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ARNORTH military hospital support to FEMA begins in Washington, continues in five states

SAN ANTONIO, Texas - At the request of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, approximately 40 military medical personnel deployed to Washington in two cities to support civilian healthcare workers treating COVID-19 patients in two local hospitals.

U.S. Army North, under U.S Northern Command's oversight, will provide operational command of the active-duty military COVID-19 response in support of federal efforts and the states.

"As the whole-of-government, including U.S. Army North, continues to respond to this pandemic, our service members are working tirelessly to provide the best care possible to hospitals and communities in need," said Lt. Gen. John R. Evans, Jr., ARNORTH commander. "As defenders of our nation, they are deployed within the homeland to support our local, state and federal partners as we work together to defeat COVID-19."

The military medical personnel, split into two 20-person teams, include nurses, respiratory therapists and medical doctors from the U.S. Navy.

One of those teams will support Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane, while the other will support Confluence Health in Wenatchee.

These teams join nine other teams currently working in nine hospitals – three in Louisiana, two in Mississippi, two in Alabama, one in Idaho, and one in Tennessee. A U.S. Army team supporting the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock, Arkansas, ended their mission Oct. 11.

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